

**MINUTES OF THE  
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING  
9:00 a.m., Friday, December 16, 2005  
East Social Center Auditorium  
7 South Abrego Drive  
Green Valley, Arizona 85614**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a regular Board meeting at 9:00 a.m., Friday, December 16, 2005, with Chairman Gant presiding. Other board members present included: Vice Chairman Dick Hileman, Delbert Householder, Joe Lane, Jim Martin, and Si Schorr. Bob Montoya participated via telephone. Also present were Director Victor Mendez; David Jankofsky, Deputy Director; Sam Elters, State Engineer; Jim Dickey; Barclay Dick, Division Director, Aeronautics Division; John McGee, Chief Financial Officer, Administrative Services Division; Kevin Biesty and Dale Buskirk, Director, Planning Division. There were approximately 60 people in the audience.

**OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE**

Chairman Gant welcomed those to the meeting and Mr. Hileman led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Gant thanked Green Valley for their hospitality and introduced dignitaries in the audience.

**DISTRICT ENGINEER REPORT**

Dennis Alvarez, District Engineer provided an update on projects and issues of regional significance and introduced the new assistant district engineer. Currently in Tucson, there is widening of a portion of I-10. They are working with the county to realign the west side frontage road from Continental and are finalizing a joint project agreement. Additional funds are allotted and bidding will occur soon. A design consultant will look at the east side frontage road for continuation. A project was deferred near Continental where redesigning was needed as well as additional funding for the project. They are almost ready to bid on the I-10 reconstruction. ADOT and the City of Tucson are working together and the City asked for a feasibility study. In reply to a question, Mr. Alvarez stated that the City of Tucson agreed to pay for the additional studies and changes will go through the appropriate process and have yet to submit a formal request to ADOT. A meeting was held with the City and County and it was agreed that they will forward to ADOT a request for ADOT to delay the project. ADOT may ask to place it on hold until technical answers are received and then make appropriate decisions. The feasibility report may take three or four months. Advertising will probably not take place in January. Jim Block, Transportation Director, City of Tucson stated that on December 5, the County Administrator, Chuck Huckleberry and the City Manager received a memorandum and request from Mayor Walkup, the Chairman of the Board Supervisor, the Supervisor of the District in which the section goes downtown and the councilmember for that area to take a look at re-examining the lowering of I-10. The lowering of I-10 was examined in 2001-2002 and was deemed to be feasible from a technical perspective for about \$70 million. At that time, the City did not have the funding. Since then, the City has been working on a downtown redevelopment effort funded through a tax increment financing program that the state legislature provided. Currently there are discussions occurring at the state legislature that will allow for the extension of that tax increment financing. The mix of projects supported by that financing appears to be possible including the lowering of I-10. The December 5 memorandum was received after the Pima Association of Government Transportation Planning Committee met, the committee that would normally consider such requests. The normal process would be to go to that committee, then forward to the management committee and then to

PAG's regional council for their consideration. The December cycle was missed. Special meetings or meetings scheduled in January are being considered to review the lowering of I-10. The volume of traffic on I-10 was reported. Future projects and priorities were reviewed including traffic interchanges and a system interchange and their impacts.

### **CALL TO AUDIENCE**

Charles Oldham, Mayor, Town of Sahvarita, commented about the growth of the Town of Sahvarita and invited people to explore the area and its natural beauty. The town's population is estimated at 14,000, up from 1,400 when it was incorporated in 1994. The growth has brought and will bring many changes. Funding from the Regional Transportation Regional Plan will help make roads safer and more efficient and thanks to Board Member Si Schorr for his leadership and the entire Board and staff including District Engineer Dennis Alvarez. Two projects, the interchange at Pima Mine Road needs to be updated to accommodate the increased safety demands of daily traffic and the Sahuarita Road interchange built in 1970 used by the majority of residents and those traveling to Tucson sees a solid line of daily traffic.

Rick Fernau, Mayor, Show Low, asked to be considered as a meeting place and expressed appreciation for work done in the White Mountain area.

John Liosatos, Short Range Planning Manager, PAG, thanked the local transportation enhancements person for his great work and congratulated him on his retirement and ADOT for the enhancement projects in the area. He thanked Dennis Alvarez for his consistent involvement and partnership.

John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator, Pima County, told of Pima County's involvement with the I-10 reconstruction. The downtown redevelopment efforts in the City of Tucson are key to the entire Tucson community and Pima County region. Re-evaluation is necessary and there is awareness of potential impact. ADOT's cooperation with Pima County in addressing its land use plans and transportation needs is appreciated. Transportation services are critical to future success and the relationship with various board and staff members is appreciated.

Kurt Weinrich, Pima County Transportation Director, indicated there are a lot of projects in partnership with ADOT staff including road projects such as the redesign and reconstruction of an interchange at I-19 in conjunction with the master plan development and the development of a cultural park. Appreciation was expressed for the close cooperation and success jointly experienced through the reorganization of transit activities into public transportation and the appointment of Jim Dickey as director. Rural transit service was successfully established between the Town of Ajo, Gila Bend and the Phoenix metro area because of leadership and cooperation as well as a new service within and connecting Green Valley to the Tucson area soon to be established.

Ruth Garcia, Liaison for the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council, stated that the Council has representation from elected members and explained her role as liaison.

Dick Roberts, President, Green Valley Community Coordinating Council, said that they have numerous ADOT projects in the area as mentioned earlier as well as ancillary projects. He thanked Dennis Alvaraz for his efforts especially for keeping the public informed during a great project in Green Valley.

Robert Damon, Chair, Santa Cruz County Supervisors, commented on the frontage road from Country Club to Ruby Road and the need to act on it for safety reasons for the students. Another frontage road needing attention is from Ruby Road to Yavapai, which is Rio Rico. There is a school and a hospital coming in soon. He thanked Dennis Alvaraz for his assistance.

Richard Young, City of Holbrook, Public Works Director, thanked ADOT for selecting Holbrook for the site for the August 2006 board meeting and congratulated the two new board members, bringing the number to two natives from Holbrook to ever serve on the Board. Things are progressing in Holbrook and he looks forward to hosting the board in August.

Ingo Radicke, Gila County Consultant and former ADOT Board member, thanked staff for progress and looks forward to several projects including the finish on 60. He would like to talk to the Board about funding two miles on SR 260 and thanks the Board for a TERC project in Miami of which is on the agenda today.

Ned Norris, Jr., Vice Chairman, Tohono O'odham Nation, welcomed and thanked the Board and asked that they keep Highway 86 on the plans as there is a lot of traffic on this main highway. It gets very congested and we need to look at how we can expand it to better address the ever increasing traffic to the east and to the west.

Richard Gaar, Executive Director, SEAGU, thanked ADOT and particular members for assistance in the community for transit studies in Graham and Santa Cruz counties.

Annie McGreevy, President, Friends of Scenic Highway 82, expressed gratitude for meetings with several members and the partnerships that are helpful with the ADOT projects from pre-design to maintenance. Their next step is to determine how to share information with communities and receive their input in order to divert problems. As a partner of the Santa Cruz River Bridge construction project near Nogales, she attends the weekly meetings and is impressed with the ADOT project supervisor. She's enthusiastic to get the bypass moved along.

Bill Katzel, Citizen Advocate, has been in the region for thirty years and in Green Valley for eleven months. He described a situation with risk management where he tried to get some empirical data on some injuries on the west side frontage road. The road is an access road to four or five arterials on the west side of I-19 and needs some attention for safety reasons. As a new resident, he does not want his family in danger. On the other side, the east side frontage road, they have advocated for the extension of that road for a number of years. The original estimate was \$1.6 million and is \$12 to \$15 million today. That road needs immediate attention.

Jim DeGrood, Assistant Town Manager, Town of Marana, expressed appreciation for the hard work of ADOT and staff members, especially Mr. Schorr for ongoing projects. He thanked Mr. Alvarez and mentioned projects such as the widening of I-10. He looks forward to other projects such as the continued widening going north. Concerns are the I-10 concept report between Tangerine Road and I-8. It is crucial to get the project moving and without a road map, decisions are made in a vacuum. He asked the Board to consider enhancing roadside maintenance efforts along the state highways. This is a first impression of the community and right now needs a lot of work.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Martin removed Item 40 from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Schorr recused himself from Items 44, 45 and 47.

### **Director's Report**

Victor Mendez, Director thanked the community for their hospitality. They have been reviewing transportation issues for a couple years and are reaching a consensus with major stakeholders and will be holding three public hearings in January to ensure the public is well informed. A consensus plan should be ready to present at the study session in February and the state land commissioner will present a briefing of the state land plans for the future of that area. A recent Arizona Republic article talked about the state land initiatives for the future and the lands to be auctioned. The article did not talk about transportation. Regarding the RTA, congratulations to the area for a unique plan for the next twenty years.

### **Construction Costs and Bid Trends**

David Jankofsky briefed the Board on construction costs and bid trends. In response to Board inquiries, a presentation was shared of work in progress to give an indication of what is happening with the price of materials used in highway construction over the past couple years and information about the trends and number of bidders on the projects. To provide background, engineers develop a scope and prepare plans and specifications and estimate future costs of each project. Sometime there is a lag between the time the project is estimated and when it is put out to bid and that could involve price variances. A chart was shared showing price changes for six major construction materials between October 2003 and October 2005. Steel has gone up approximately eleven percent in the last two months for example. A table was shared that was indicative of the analysis of bids and variances from engineering estimates. The more bids received the tighter the cluster is around the estimate. For the statewide program, the average number of bidders per project for FY05 was 4.23. Year-to-date, half way through FY06, the number is 2.97. The number of bidders per project dropped between FY05 and FY06. On the Trend Line of Estimate-Bid Variance graph, 155 dots show that over time, the bids are starting to vary from the estimate and are coming in higher than the estimate over the seventeen months represented on the chart. Data shows that there is some statistically significant correlation between the number of bidders and a lower average variance to estimate. Additional statewide graphs were shared to show that as there are more bidders for projects, the bids get tighter around the estimate. The variance between the bid and the estimate is lessened as more bids are received. This confirms that more bids result in better prices and better clusters however more bids do not necessarily mean a lower price itself. Whether these trends will continue is unknown. There is a MAG forum scheduled for January 6. Work with the industry is being done on mitigation methods and evaluations on program impacts are being done. Following Mr. Jankofsky's report there were questions and a discussion about state processes.

### **Legislative Report**

Kevin Biesty provided an update on legislative issues. At the federal level, the President signed the '06 appropriation on November 30. Within that appropriations bill, there were two appropriations for the Hoover Dam bypass. There was \$6 million for Arizona and \$1 million to be split between Arizona and Nevada. They are looking at the Budget Reconciliation Act. That will look for cuts in spending over the next five years, including '06. Currently, there is no impact to transportation. On the state

level, the session begins January 9 and bills are starting to come out. So far, none are impacting the Board. There is a lot of discussion on three issues that will impact ADOT, 1) keeping the statutory cap in regards to HURF used for DPS, 2) the budget surplus and 3) the Board Funding Obligation cap and the bonding cap. The recent announcement of Congressman Kolbe's retirement has been causing a ripple at the state level. Meetings will be scheduled with legislative leadership.

### **Financial Report**

John McGee provided summary reports on revenue collections for Highway User Revenues and Maricopa Transportation Excise Tax Revenues, comparing fiscal year results to last year's actuals and forecasts, and reported on interest earnings, HELP Fund status, and other financial information relative to the Board and Department. HURF collections for November totaled \$106.2 million, an increase of 6.9 percent over last year and 1.1 percent over the estimate. Year-to-date collections total \$532.5 million, an increase of 7.2 percent over last year and 3.2 percent above the estimate. Collections for all categories are ahead of last year and with the exception of gas tax, all are running ahead of the estimate. For the month of November, which actually represents the month of October gas tax sales, gas tax collected were approximately two tenths of one percent under the same month last year at about 2.2 percent under forecast. For the month of October, RARF revenues amounted to \$29.5 million, an increase of 15.8 percent over last year and 7.4 percent over the forecast. For the first four months of the fiscal year, RARF revenues are up 17.6 percent over the same four months last year and 7.9 percent over the forecast. All categories are up over last year and are running significantly above the forecast with particular strength in retail sales and contracting. Also included in the materials is a new official forecast for HURF and RARF using the updated models. The new HURF forecast for the next five years is up \$12.1 million. For the ten year period through 2015, the forecast is up \$205 million. The primary reason for the higher forecast is the new model is predicting higher VLT revenues over the long term than the old model. Regarding the RARF forecast, the RARF model update shows somewhat higher forecast over the next five years up approximately \$46.8 million over last year's forecast with very little change for the period 2011 through 2015. It appears the changes seem to be a more optimistic assessment. Earnings for the October investment report, earnings for October total \$2.159 million, representing an annual earnings rate of approximately 3.44 percent. Year-to-date earnings total \$7.918 million. This represents an average yield of approximately 3.23. The federal government raised short term interest rates which will have a positive impact on our earnings over the near term. For the HELP program, the November ending balance is \$84.9 million, up approximately \$1.7 million over last month due to a loan repayment of approximately \$900,000 and \$800,000 in interest income.

### **Financing Program**

John McGee provided an update on financing issues affecting the Board and the Department, including HURF and RARF Bonding, GAN issuances and Board Funding Obligations. The Final Pricing Review booklet for the Series 2005B Issuance was provided to Board members. The Issuance was closed on December 6. This was a very good pricing with respect to interest costs, one of the lowest we've ever had for an Issue this length, 4.44 percent. The discount paid was one of the lowest for an Issuance of this length, \$3.37 per \$1,000. A number of comps are outlined in the booklet. Meetings have taken place with Moody's and Standard and Poor's representatives on the new RARF Resolution to review changes for the new resolution. We are waiting for feedback and preliminary rating indicators from both rating agencies and hope to have by the second week of January to finalize the new RARF Resolution. On Wednesday, we made the final debt service payment for debt service under the current ½ cent sales tax, approximately \$81 million, resulting in zero outstanding RARF debt at the

current moment. Over the last twenty years, we've borrowed approximately \$2.1 billion, \$1.6 billion of that was new money for building projects. The \$2.1 billion is now retired. The HELP Annual Report was distributed as required by the state.

**\*MINUTES – APPROVAL**

October 4, 2005 – Study Session Minutes  
 October 4, 2005 – Special Board Meeting Minutes  
 October 21, 2005 – Board Meeting Minutes

**\*2006 BOARD MEETING & STUDY SESSION DATES AND LOCATIONS**

January 20, 2006 – Board Meeting – Rio Rico  
 February 7, 2006 – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix  
 February 17, 2006 – Board Meeting – Pinal County/Location to be determined  
 March 7, 2006 – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix  
 March 17, 2006 – Board Meeting – Yuma  
 April 7, 2006 – MAG/ADOT Joint Public Hearing – MAG Office  
 April 21, 2006 – Board Meeting & Public Hearing – Tucson  
 May 5, 2006 – Public Hearing – Flagstaff  
 May 19, 2006 – Board meeting – Graham County  
 June 6, 2006 – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix  
 June 23, 2006 – Board Meeting – Prescott (Please note this meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month, instead of the third Friday.)  
 July 21, 2006 – Board Meeting – Location To Be Determined  
 August 1, 2006 – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix  
 August 18, 2006 – Board Meeting – Holbrook  
 September 15, 2006 – Board Meeting – Glendale  
 October 3, 2006 – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix  
 October 20, 2006 – Board Meeting – East Valley  
 November 7, 2006 – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix  
 November 17, 2006 – Board Meeting – Willcox  
 December 5, 2006 – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix  
 December 15, 2006 – Board Meeting - Tucson

**PRIORITY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PPAC)**

**FY 2006 - 2010 Transportation Facilities Construction Program Requested Modifications**

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<u>ESP Selection</u>	<u>Recommend Award</u>
Republic Plastics, LP	\$210,000
Milgard Manufacturing, Inc.	\$446,688

**Board Action:**      A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Martin and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO:      SR 101L @ MP 44.80

COUNTY: Maricopa  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006  
SECTION: Arizona Canal - Camelback Road  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct landscape  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 1,600,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Ron McCally  
PROJECT: H495101C Item # 83399  
REQUESTED ACTION: Delete project from the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. Project limits and funds will be incorporated into adjacent project. **Funds to the RARF cashflow.**

ROUTE NO: SR 101 L @ MP 41.80  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006  
SECTION: SRPMIC Boundary - Arizona Canal  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct landscape  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 2,600,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Ron McCally  
PROJECT: H491401C Item # 82100  
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$3,150,000 to \$5,750,000 include project limits and funding from adjacent project, Arizona Canal – Camelback Road. Change projects limits to SRPMIC Boundary – Camelback Road **Funds are available from the RARF cashflow.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$2,600,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$3,150,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$5,750,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve Items 9 and 10 was made by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Martin and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 202L @ MP 41.27  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006  
SECTION: Gilbert Road - Frye Road  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct landscape  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 4,100,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Khalid Salahuddin  
PROJECT: H591203C Item # 80307  
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$400,000 to \$4,500,000 due to increased unit cost. **Funds are available from the RARF cashflow.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$4,100,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$400,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$4,500,000

ROUTE NO: SR 202 L @ MP 36.68  
 COUNTY: Maricopa  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006  
 SECTION: Frye Road - Power Road  
 TYPE OF WORK: Construct landscape  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 4,100,000  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Khalid Salahuddin  
 PROJECT: H591103C Item # 80707  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$1,150,000 to \$5,250,000 due to increased unit cost. **Funds are available from the RARF cashflow.**  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$4,100,000  
 INCREASE AMOUNT: \$1,150,000  
 NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$5,250,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve Items 11 and 12 was made by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Martin and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: US 93 @ MP 49.00  
 COUNTY: Mohave  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006  
 SECTION: Midline – Cottonwood  
 TYPE OF WORK: Pavement Preservation  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 5,234,000  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Mike Phillips  
 PROJECT: H635701C Item # 19806  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$670,000 to \$5,904,000 due to increased unit cost. **See multiple funding sources below.**  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$5,234,000  
 INCREASE AMOUNT: \$670,000  
 FY 2006 Pavement Preservation Fund #72506 \$420,000  
 FY 2006 Preventive Pavement Preservation Fund #77306 \$250,000  
 NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$5,904,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Schorr, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 287 @ MP 135.30  
 COUNTY: Pinal  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006  
 SECTION: Jct. SR 87 - SR 79  
 TYPE OF WORK: Pavement Preservation  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 2,447,000  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Mike Phillips  
 PROJECT: H635401C Item # 19906



REQUESTED ACTION:	Increase program amount by to \$690,000 to \$3,137,000 due to increased unit cost related to oil. <b>See multiple funding sources below.</b>
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$2,447,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$690,000
FY 2006 Pavement Preservation Fund #72506	\$540,000
FY 2006 Preventive Pavement Preservation Fund #77306	\$150,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$3,137,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Householder, seconded by Mr. Hileman and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO:	US 95 @ MP 33.00
COUNTY:	Yuma
SCHEDULE:	FY 2006
SECTION:	Gila Canal - Gila River
TYPE OF WORK:	Pavement Preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$ 2,700,000
PROJECT MANAGER:	Mike Phillips
PROJECT:	H658401C Item # 22506
REQUESTED ACTION:	Increase program amount by \$290,000 to \$2,990,000 due to increased unit cost related to oil. <b>Funds are available from the FY 2006 Pavement Preservation Fund #72506.</b>
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$2,700,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$290,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$2,990,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO:	I-40 @ MP 190.90
COUNTY:	Coconino
SCHEDULE:	FY 2006
SECTION:	Riordan - US 89A
TYPE OF WORK:	Pavement Preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$ 3,538,000
PROJECT MANAGER:	Haldun Guvenen
PROJECT:	H657101C Item # 22406
REQUESTED ACTION:	Delete project from the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. <b>Funds go to the FY 2006 Program Adjustment Fund #72306.</b>

ROUTE NO:	I-40 @ MP 195.00
COUNTY:	Coconino

SCHEDULE: FY 2006  
SECTION: Jct I-17 - East Flagstaff Traffic Interchange  
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement Preservation  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 4,551,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Haldun Guvenen  
PROJECT: H636601C Item # 18906  
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$7,424,000 to \$11,975,000 due additional of scope and funding from adjacent project, Riordan to US 89A, and increases in unit cost. **See multiple funding sources below.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$4,551,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$7,424,000
FY 2006 Program Adjustment Fund #72306	\$3,538,000
FY 2006 Pavement Preservation Fund #72506	\$2,886,000
FY 2006 Preventive Pavement Preservation Fund #77306	\$1,000,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$11,975,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve Items 16 and 17 was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Schorr and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: US 93 @ MP 161.00  
COUNTY: Yavapai  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006  
SECTION: Santa Maria River – Wickenburg  
TYPE OF WORK: Design roadway  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 1,800,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Paul O'Brien/Larry Doescher  
PROJECT: Item # 13204  
REQUESTED ACTION: Reduce program amount by \$260,000 to \$1,540,000. Funds to be used to increase funding for study of US 93 from SR 89 to Wickenburg bypass. **Funds to FY 2006 Statewide Construction Preparation Fund #70106.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$1,800,000
DECREASE AMOUNT:	\$260,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$1,540,000

ROUTE NO: US 93 @ MP 193.00  
COUNTY: Yavapai  
SCHEDULE: Underway  
SECTION: SR 89 - Wickenburg Bypass  
TYPE OF WORK: Design Concept Report / NEPA  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 200,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Paul O'Brien/Larry Doescher  
PROJECT: H673101L  
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$260,000 to \$460,000.

ACTION: Funds are available from the FY 2006 Statewide Construction Preparation Fund #70106.

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$200,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$260,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$460,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve Items 18 and 19 was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 87 @ MP 341.60  
COUNTY: Navajo  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006  
SECTION: Ruby Canal Bridge #1485  
TYPE OF WORK: Line and grout bridge, and widen roadway  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 1,350,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Ray Leon  
PROJECT: H615701C Item # 18406  
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$480,000 to \$1,830,000 due to due to increased unit cost. **See multiple funding sources below.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$1,350,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$480,000
FY 2006 Bridge Inspection and Repair #71406	\$165,000
FY 2006 Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation #76206	\$100,000
FY 2006 District Minor Fund #73306	\$165,000
FY 2006 Preventive Pavement Preservation #77306	\$50,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$1,830,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Hileman and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: I-40 @ MP 197.00  
COUNTY: Coconino  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - New Project Request  
SECTION: Switzer Canyon – Fanning  
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement preservation  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: Rod Collins  
PROJECT: H679101C  
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new pavement preservation project in the amount of 3,125,000 in the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. **See Multiple Funding sources below.**

FY 2006 Pavement Preservation Fund #72506	\$3,100,000
FY 2006 Title II Safety Fund #72806	\$25,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$3,125,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Schorr, seconded by Mr. Hileman and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 80 @ MP 293.50  
COUNTY: Cochise  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006  
SECTION: Benson South - Apache Powder Road  
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement preservation  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 5,103,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Akram Friekh  
PROJECT: H636001C Item # 19606  
REQUESTED: Increase program amount by \$320,000 to \$5,423,000  
ACTION: due to increased cost of materials. **See multiple funding sources below.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$5,103,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$320,000
FY 2006 Pavement Preservation Fund #72506	\$220,000
FY 2006 Title II Safety Fund #72806	\$100,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$5,423,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: US 60 @ MP 244.00  
COUNTY: Gila  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - New Project Request  
SECTION: Miami Sidewalk  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct sidewalk enhancements  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: Bob Gasser  
PROJECT: H659001C JPA 05-034  
REQUESTED: Establish a new enhancement project in the amount  
ACTION: of \$244,000 in the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. **See multiple funding sources below.**

FY 2006 Enhancement, Projects of Opportunity #75006	\$94,000
FY 2006 District Minor Fund #73306	\$150,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$244,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Schorr, seconded by Mr. Martin and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: US 70 @ MP 378.40  
COUNTY: Greenlee  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006  
SECTION: Duncan - Stateline  
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement preservation  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 2,080,000

PROJECT MANAGER: Mazen Muradvich  
 PROJECT: H614401C Item # 19506  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$920,000 to \$3,000,000 due to updated unit cost, and defer project to FY 07.  
**FY 2006 Pavement Preservation funds return to Pavement Pres #72506. New funds in amount of \$3,000,000 are available from the FY 2007 Pavement preservation #72507.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$2,080,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$920,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$3,000,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hileman and passed unanimously.

#### **FY 2006-2010 Airport Development Program – Requested Modifications**

AIRPORT NAME: Coolidge Municipal  
 SPONSOR: City of Coolidge  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - 2010  
 PROJECT #: E6F78  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Ray Boucher  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Prepare an Airport Master Plan Update Study including Environmental Evaluation and Environmental Overview.  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Approve State matching funds for FAA Grant #3-04-0011-05.

FUNDING SOURCES:	FAA	\$71,250
	Sponsor	\$1,875
	State	\$1,875
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$75,000

AIRPORT NAME: Chandler Municipal  
 SPONSOR: City of Chandler  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Reliever  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 – 2010  
 PROJECT #: E6F79  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Tammy Martelle  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Install Hold Signs on Runway 4L/22R; Construct a Heliport/FATO, Phase 3.  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Approve State matching funds for FAA Grant #3-04-0008-014.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$150,000
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$3,947
	<b>State</b>	\$3,948
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$157,895

AIRPORT NAME: Payson  
 SPONSOR: Town of Payson  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 – 2010  
 PROJECT #: E6F80  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Ed Suserud  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construct Airport Access Road, Phase 1  
 (Design Only).  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Approve State matching funds for FAA Grant  
 #3-04-0027-11.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$150,000
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$7,363
	<b>State</b>	\$7,363
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$164,726

AIRPORT NAME: Payson  
 SPONSOR: Town of Payson  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - 2010  
 PROJECT #: E6F81  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Ed Suserud  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construct Apron Including Road Relocation,  
 Phase 1.  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Approve State matching funds for FAA Grant  
 #3-04-0027-13.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$1,700,000
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$44,738
	<b>State</b>	\$44,738
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$1,789,476

AIRPORT NAME: Lake Havasu City  
 SPONSOR: Lake Havasu City  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Commercial Service  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - 2010  
 PROJECT #: E6F82  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Ray Boucher

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Airport Master Plan Update Study Including an Environmental Evaluation and Environmental Overview.

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve State matching funds for FAA Grant #3-04-0071-18.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$156,750
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$4,125
	<b>State</b>	\$4,125
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$165,000

AIRPORT NAME: Benson Municipal

SPONSOR: City of Benson

AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA

SCHEDULE: FY 2006 – 2010

PROJECT #: E6F83

PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request

PROJECT MANAGER: Tammy Martelle

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construct East Apron Expansion; and, Design and Install Security Fence, Phase II.

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve State matching funds for FAA Grant #3-04-0077-10.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$1,192,250
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$31,376
	<b>State</b>	\$31,376
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$1,255,002

**Board Action:** A motion to approve Items 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

AIRPORT NAME: Holbrook Municipal Airport

SPONSOR: City of Holbrook

AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public Use

SCHEDULE: FY 2006 – 2010

PROJECT #: E4S36

PROGRAM AMOUNT: Project Change

PROJECT MANAGER: Ed Suserud

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Runway 03/21 Safety Area Obstruction Removals; Terminal/Hanger Parking Area Lighting.

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve additional funding in the amount of \$5,807 for the lighting project.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$0
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$5,145

<b>State</b>	\$46,308
<i>Total Program</i>	\$51,453

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Householder and after a discussion due to a reporting error, it was decided to table this item. Mr. Hileman made a motion to rescind his original motion, Mr. Householder seconded to rescind his original motion. A motion to table the above recommendation was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hileman and passed unanimously.

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  - Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC) Minutes
    - Meeting of November 30, 2005
  - Summary of Changes to the FY 05 – 09 Highway Construction Program
  - Highway Program Monitoring Report.

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Next regular scheduled meetings of the Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC). Times and dates of meetings could vary and will be announced at time of agenda distribution.

  - January 4, 2006 10:00 AM  
<http://ADOTPPAC.ORG/>

#### **RIGHT OF WAY RESOLUTIONS**

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RES. NO:	2005-12-A-063
PROJECT:	F-053-1-801 / 087GI000H088801R F-053-2-705 / 260GI000H088801R
HIGHWAY:	MESA – PAYSON PAYSON – SHOW LOW
SECTION:	Payson – Streets Payson – Star Valley
ROUTE NO.:	State Route 87 & State Route 260
ENG. DIST:	Prescott
COUNTY:	Gila
RECOMMENDATION:	Abandon portions of State Route 87 & State Route 260 to the Town of Payson per Intergovernmental Agreement 02-202, dated June 30, 2003, 1 <sup>st</sup> amended date April 6, 2004, 2 <sup>nd</sup> amended date August 31, 2005
  
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RES. NO:	2005-12-A-064
PROJECT:	U-060-C-800 / 060PN212H466201R
HIGHWAY:	PHOENIX - GLOBE
SECTION:	Florence Jct. – Superior
ROUTE NO.:	U.S. Route 60
ENG. DIST:	Globe
COUNTY:	Pinal
RECOMMENDATION:	Establish additional right of way as a state highway for improvement, which will enhance the safety of the traveling public



*	RES. NO:	2005-12-A-065
	PROJECT:	U-095-B-702 / 095YU038H651801R
	HIGHWAY:	SAN LUIS-YUMA-QUARTZSITE
	SECTION:	Wellton – Mohawk Canal Bridge
	ROUTE NO.:	U.S. Route 95
	ENG. DIST:	Yuma
	COUNTY:	Yuma
	RECOMMENDATION:	Establish additional right of way as a state route to enhance safety for the traveling public
*	RES. NO:	2005-12-A-066
	PROJECT:	I-010-B-701 / 010MA126H678001R
	HIGHWAY:	EHRENBERG - PHOENIX
	SECTION:	Bullard Avenue T.I.
	ROUTE NO.:	Interstate Route 10
	ENG. DIST:	Phoenix
	COUNTY:	Maricopa
	RECOMMENDATION:	Establish additional right of way as an access controlled state route for Bullard Avenue T.I.
*	RES. NO:	2005-12-A-067
	PROJECT:	S-238-805 / 179YV304H341402R
	HIGHWAY:	RIM ROCK – SEDONA HWY (SR 179)
	SECTION:	Village of Oak Creek – Jct. 89A
	ROUTE NO.:	State Route 179
	ENG. DIST:	Prescott
	COUNTY:	Yavapai / Coconino
	RECOMMENDATION:	Establish additional right of way as a state highway to enhance safety for the traveling public

## **STATE ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Sam Elters reported on construction and projects completed in November, 2005. There are currently 108 projects under construction for a total of approximately \$826 million. In the month of October, the department finalized eight projects for a total of \$78.3 million. Current fiscal year-to-date, 47 projects were finalized.

\*Right of Way Acquisition Report for November, 2005

**\*I-40/Rattlesnake Interchange letter of Intent between ADOT and the City of Kingman**  
 Approval of Letter of Intent between ADOT and the City of Kingman RE: I-40 Rattlesnake Interchange project, which includes two phases.

## **CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

(Interstate Federal-Aid projects do not need FHWA concurrence, but must comply with DBE regulations)

\* BIDS OPENED: November 18

HIGHWAY:	NOGALES BUSINESS ROUTE
SECTION:	B19, Milepost 1.72 to Milepost 3.08
COUNTY:	Santa Cruz
ROUTE NO.:	B19
PROJECT:	TEA-B19-A(002)P 019B SC 001 H605101C
FUNDING:	94% Federal 6% State
LOW BIDDER:	K A Z Construction, Inc.
AMOUNT:	\$ 1,040,000.00
STATE AMOUNT:	\$ 1,028,330.00
\$ OVER:	\$ 11,670.00
% OVER:	1.1%
NO. BIDDERS:	4
RECOMMENDATION:	AWARD

Non-Interstate Federal-Aid (“A” “B”) projects do not need FHWA concurrence, but must comply with DBE regulations; other projects are subject to FHWA and/or local government concurrence and compliance with DBE regulations)

BIDS OPENED:	November 18
HIGHWAY:	WICKENBURG-PHOENIX HIGHWAY (US 60)
SECTION:	US 60, 83 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue & Peoria Intersection
COUNTY:	Maricopa
ROUTE NO.:	US 60
PROJECT:	TEA-CM-060-B(001)A 060 MA 150 H590001C
FUNDING:	94% Federal 6% City of Peoria
LOW BIDDER:	K A Z Construction, Inc.
AMOUNT:	\$ 1,700,000.00
STATE AMOUNT:	\$ 1,207,577.50
\$ OVER:	\$ 492,422.50
% OVER:	40.8%
NO. BIDDERS:	2
RECOMMENDATION:	AWARD

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

BIDS OPENED:	November 18
HIGHWAY:	KINGMAN-SELIGMAN HIGHWAY (SR 66)
SECTION:	Andy Devine T.I.
COUNTY:	Mohave
ROUTE NO.:	SR 66
PROJECT:	STP-066-A(033)A 066 MO 056 H614201C
FUNDING:	94% Federal 6% State
LOW BIDDER:	FNF Construction, Inc.
AMOUNT:	\$ 5,177,668.00
STATE AMOUNT:	\$ 3,117,110.00
\$ OVER:	\$ 2,060,558.00

% OVER: 66.1%  
NO. BIDDERS: 3  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Martin and passed unanimously. Mr. Schorr recused himself from this Item.

BIDS OPENED: November 18  
HIGHWAY: RED MOUNTAIN FREEWAY (SR LOOP 202)  
SECTION: Power Road – University Drive  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
ROUTE NO.: SR Loop 202  
PROJECT: STP-202-B(007)B 202 MA 023 H578201C  
FUNDING: 90% Federal 2% Flood Control District of Maricopa County  
7% RARF 1% City of Mesa  
LOW BIDDER: Pulice Construction, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 195,340,042.70  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 172,351,000.00  
\$ OVER: \$ 22,989,042.70  
% OVER: 13.3%  
NO. BIDDERS: 2  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously.

Non-Interstate, Non-Federal Aid

\* BIDS OPENED: November 4  
HIGHWAY: ST. JOHNS – SANDERS HIGHWAY (US 191)  
SECTION: Milepost 355 – Milepost 356 (Hardscrabble Road))  
COUNTY: Apache  
ROUTE NO.: US 191  
PROJECT: U-191-D-500 191 AP 355 H541201C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Fisher Sand & Gravel Co., DBA  
Southwest Asphalt Paving  
AMOUNT: \$ 1,477,777.00  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,433,213.00  
\$ OVER: \$ 44,564.00  
% OVER: 3.1%  
NO. BIDDERS: 3  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

BIDS OPENED: November 18  
HIGHWAY: DOUGLAS-WILLCOX HIGHWAY (US 191)

SECTION: Sunizona to Pearce  
COUNTY: Cochise  
ROUTE NO.: US 191  
PROJECT: U-191-A-503 191 CH 038 H572001C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Show Low Construction, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 1,996,191.62  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,706,903.00  
\$ OVER: \$ 289,288.62  
% OVER: 16.9%  
NO. BIDDERS: 4  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously. Mr. Schorr recused himself from this Item.

\* BIDS OPENED: November 18  
HIGHWAY: QUIET-PAVEMENT (PHASE VI)  
SECTION: Various Regional Freeways  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
ROUTE NO.: Various Regional Freeways  
PROJECT: RAM-888-A-500 888 MA 000 H665001C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Fisher Sand & Gravel Co., DBA  
Southwest Asphalt Paving  
AMOUNT: \$ 6,208,025.00  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 7,302,308.00  
\$ UNDER: \$ 1,094,283.00  
% UNDER: 15.0%  
NO. BIDDERS: 4  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

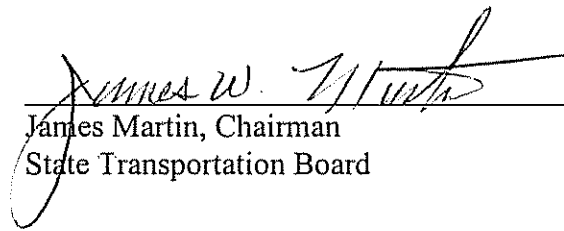
### **CONSENT AGENDA**

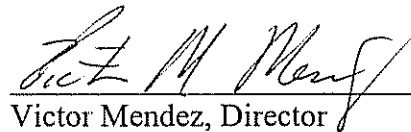
**Board Action:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hileman and passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURN**

**Board Action:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

  
James Martin, Chairman  
State Transportation Board

  
Victor Mendez, Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation

\*Denotes items approved in the consent agenda.

**MINUTES OF THE  
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
STUDY SESSION  
10:00 a.m., Friday, December 16, 2005  
The East Social Center Auditorium  
7 South Abrego Drive  
Green Valley, Arizona 85614**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a Study Session immediately following the regular Board meeting at 12:10 p.m., Friday, December 16, 2005, with Chairman Gant presiding. Other board members present included: Vice Chairman Dick Hileman, Delbert Householder, Joe Lane, Jim Martin, and Si Schorr. Bob Montoya participated via telephone. Also present were Director Victor Mendez; David Jankofsky, Deputy Director; Sam Elters, State Engineer; Jim Dickey; Barclay Dick, Division Director, Aeronautics Division; John McGee, Chief Financial Officer, Administrative Services Division; Kevin Biesty and Dale Buskirk, Director, Planning Division. There were approximately 60 people in the audience.

**Southern Pinal County Study Plans**

Dale Buskirk presented an update to the Board regarding the Southern Pinal County Study Plans. Public meetings will be held on the Southern Pinal County Corridor Definition Study in mid January and recommendations to the Board at the February meeting. The studies were done in response to a mandate from the Legislature because of growth. They are proposing that within the context of the regional transportation profile that they are doing for Central Arizona as part of the formal update process of Move Arizona, that they do the Southern Pinal County Corridor Definition Study. The mandated studies are nearly complete and will be finalized early next year. The approach would involve examining the need for, as well as the feasibility of, potential new state highways in Southern Pinal County and Northern Pima County. The purpose of the study would be to make recommendations to the Board regarding the need for the feasibility of new state highways in the study area, a general location of potential new facilities. They are planning level corridors. The study would address the type of facilities that might be required to meet forecast traffic demand. And address the issue of the role of the various jurisdictions within the study area regarding further action. A state highway system is dependent upon a local system to function appropriately. There has to be the same kind of coordination of state, county and city transportation systems and the same understanding of the interplay between transportation and land use. The study process would include creating a technical advisory committee with representatives from the jurisdictions within the study areas. Public participation and stakeholder involvement is important from the beginning through completion. The study process will entail an inventory of existing conditions such as population, employment and traffic characteristics, forecasted future positions, determination of the need for new facilities and feasibility and constructing the new facilities. This would be done beginning next year within the context of the Regional Transportation Profile.

**Call to Audience**

Greg Stanley, Pinal County Public Works Director, spoke about what the Board may have heard about the Freeway Corridor Study coming to the Board in February. The desire was to come to the January meeting, however, understanding the public meeting process, he is hopeful for action to be taken in February. A second item regarding the Southern Pinal Studies, they are fully in support and it will be a team process. There also is a western part of the county, the Maricopa region that is growing incredibly.

### **Southeast Loop Study**

Dave Perkins, Kimley Horn and Associates presented an update to the Board regarding the Southeast Loop Study. The official name of the study is the State Transportation System Mobility and Regional Circulation Needs Feasibility Study. The purpose of this PAG Loop Study is to take a long range look at the need for major transportation corridors in the PAG region and to look at the feasibility and cost of construction. The time frame being reviewed is when the PAG region is approximately two million people. They also have been asked to evaluate a number of very specific corridors and determine whether the corridors may qualify or be considered for designation as state highways. This study is regional in context and not a regional transportation study because they are only looking at high capacity corridors. A map was shown indicating the locations of the corridors. The routes being looked at are Tangerine between I-10 and 77, Sahuarita Corridor connecting I-19 and I-10 and a loop in the southeast area and the extension of Aviation Corridor to I-10. Looking at the eligibility of a road to become a state highway, Arizona statutes were reviewed as well as existing Board policy and a Level of Development Study that ADOT conducted. Criteria were pulled from these sources to evaluate the corridors for consistency with the function of the state highway. A couple of the criteria were shared. For example, how was the road designated as a state route, does it form part of a system or does it connect state highways through towns and cities, was it primarily designated for through traffic, does it connect Arizona's population centers, efficient use of high capacity, truck routes, moving people and other criteria such as does the route serve points of state or national interest, has the route been designated as a designated interstate or freeway. Preliminary findings were shared. When the PAG region is two million in population, I-10 capacity is exceeded. It was found that some of the lines on the map are significant in off loading I-10, providing an alternative way to get around the region and divert traffic from I-10. They found that with future volumes in the urbanized area, it appears that the higher capacity parkways will accommodate future travel demand without moving to a freeway type facility. The higher areas in Northern Pima and Southern Pinal Counties are going to overlook State Route 77 and I-10 and the studies do a nice job of diverting traffic off these highway facilities providing alternative routes. They are in the middle of the study with hopes to finish in early 2006 by completing the needs analysis, the feasibility analysis and presenting the findings to the PAG Regional Council and the State Transportation Board.

### **Rapid Transit Association (RTA) Status**

Tim Ahrens, Pima Association of Governments (PAG) gave a presentation on the status of the Rapid Transit Association (RTA). Distributed in a packet were four maps (transit, highways/roadways, bicycles lanes, sidewalks) and a list of all the proposed projects contained in the RTA. There will be approximately a 54 percent increase in population having a profound impact on transportation. The elderly and disabled transportation needs will see a 76 percent increase due to the aging population. There is a 94 percent increase in vehicle miles traveled in the region. There is a shortage of at least \$4 billion over the next twenty years. Ways to fix the problem include the Regional Transportation Authority and their two committees, the Technical Management Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee. A plan was developed between the two committees. There are twenty seven public meetings and more than 200 presentations. The plan was broken into four elements 1) roadways, 2) transit, 3) safety and 4) environmental and economic vitality. There are 35 major roadway improvements. Improvements to the transit service include more frequent service, later service, express bus service and expanded services. Safety improvements include 200 intersection improvements, 11 new railroad crossings, 200 new bus pull outs, safety enhancements at pedestrian crossings focused at the schools and ADA access. Environmental and economic vitality involves looking at bicycle lanes, sidewalks and wildlife. Accountability factors include outlining costs, communicating construction start dates

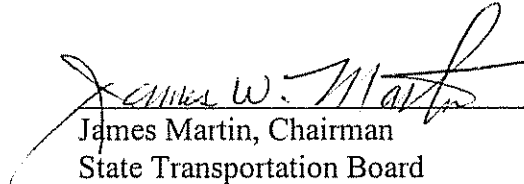
and changes and reports to the public. Funding the concept is the ½ cent sales tax. Two measures will be on the ballot, the plan and the tax. Both have to pass in order to proceed. Items that are taxed were reviewed. A map was shared indicating what the average person pays in tax and the amount of tax paid by visitors.

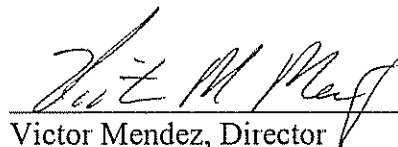
### **Adjournment**

Additional comments included a report from Mr. Jankofsky that The US District Court ruled on a case regarding English Language Learners being required to learn English. The Arizona Center for Law and Public Interest recently asked for sanctions because the state, in its opinion, had not complied with the court order and the sanctions included among other things possible withholding of federal highway funds. The US District Court today agreed that the state has failed to comply with the court order. The Court further agreed the sanctions were necessary, but the Court felt that withholding federal highway funds was not an appropriate sanction. The Court instead has imposed monetary fines on the state. If the Legislature fails to act within a time certain, the Court did not specify the source of the funds for those fines. This is preliminary information. Additional information will be sent in E-mail or at a briefing at a future meeting.

**Board Action:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Schorr and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

  
James Martin, Chairman  
State Transportation Board

  
Victor Mendez, Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation